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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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NON REISSUE
NON PCT NAT PHASE

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Sir:
Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Naoki KAYAHARA, of Nagano-ken, Japan

Title RETRIEVING METHOD, RETRIEVING SYSTEM, RETRIEVING PROGRAM,
RETRIEVAL OBJECTIVE MAP GENERATING METHOD, RETRIEVAL
OBJECTIVE MAP GENERATING SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD,
IMAGE RETRIEVING SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING PROGRAM, IMAGE
RETRIEVAL DATA, IMAGE MAP GENERATING METHOD AND IMAGE MAP
GENERATING SYSTEM

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including:

Date: March 29, 2001

1. Specification: 84 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☒ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☐ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 39 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 17 sheet(s) ☒ informal; ☐ formal of size: ☐ A4 ☒ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not
complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# SN)
6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:
6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed (M#)
6(b) ☐ International Appln. No. filed
which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in
English.--
7. ☐ **AMEND the specification** by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.
Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed --
8. ☐ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

by Assignment recorded Reel Frame

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan
11. (country)

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|----------------|
| (1) 2000-92503 | March 29, 2000 | (2) 2000-92509 | March 29, 2000 |
| (3) 2000-401680 | December 28, 2000 | (4) | |
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| (9) | | <input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities | |

12. (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date)
in U.S. Application No. / filed on
13. Small entity status ☐ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (**Pre-filing confirmation required**)
13(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)
13(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(u)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☒ Attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; (2) cited referenced with translations.

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:



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| | | | | Large/Small Entity | | Fee Code |
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| 19. Total Effective Claims | 39 | minus 20 = | *19 | x \$18/\$9 = | + 342 | 103/203 |
| 20. Independent Claims | 14 | minus 3 = | *11 | x \$80/\$40 = | + 880 | 102/202 |
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| 21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application) | | | | + \$270/\$135 | + 0 | 104/204 |
| 22. TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED = | | | | \$1932 | | |
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| 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No. | | | | + \$130 | + 0 | 122 |
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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the following documents:

- ☒ Letter of transmittal
- ☒ Patent application (84 pages specification; 39 claims; 1 page abstract), and checks in the amount of \$710 to cover utility application filing fee and \$1,222.00 for additional claims
- ☒ 17 sheets of informal drawings
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with (2) cited references
- ☒ Return postcard

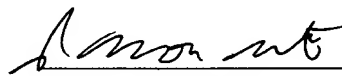
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